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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent any delegation to attend a conference held in vienna regarding fight against human trafficking;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the main issues discussed therein;and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir. a delegation led by Smt. Renuka Chowdhry, Honble Minister of State (independent Charge) for Women & Child Development, along with the representatives from Ministers of Home Affairs, Labour & Employment and Women and Child Development attended the Vienna forum to fight human trafficking, held from 13-15 February 2008.The Main issues discussed in the Forum were vulnerability of persons to trafficking and its impact as well as action to be taken against human trafficking.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is already undertaking a number of measures to combat trafficking.The immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human being including children for the purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for trafficking;it conducts advocacy,awareness generation,sensitization programmes for prevention of trafficking of women and children.The Ministry is implementing a scheme of 'Ujjawala' for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehanilitation reintegration and repatriation of victims of trafficking.It also runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food,clothing,emotional support,counseling,rehabilitation and other facilities to women in difficult circumstances including trafficked victims and children.